GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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EXPENDITURE ON MEDIA AND PUBLICITY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the expenditure incurred by the Union Government on Media and Publicity for rural development schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise/UT-wise;

(b) whether the expenditure incurred was more than the budgetary provisions during the said period;

(c) if so reasons, therefor;

(d) whether there has been diversion of funds to meet the extra expenditure;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) The following details pertain only to the funds spent by Ministry of RD on Media & Publicity for Rural Development schemes for the period under consideration.The details of the expenditure incurred by the Ministry on Media and Publicity for rural development schemes during each of the last three years and the current year are as under:

(Rs.in crores)

Year	Budgetary Provision	Expenditure incurrred
2005-06	28.90	28.90
2006-07	38.35	38.35
2007-08	45.65	43.42
2008-09 (upto 17-12-2008)	46.27	28.74

The expenditure cannot be broken up State-wise/UT-wise as it is released only for Central IEC activities.

(b) No,the expenditure incurred was under the budgetary provision during the said period.

(c) Doesn`t arise in regard of (b) above.

(d) to (f) No and therefore action taken/proposed do not arise.